Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Complete statistics are not available. A quantity of 4,480 lbs. (*i.e.*, 520 gallons) of lemon grass oil has been exported to foreign countries through the ports of the Travancore area in 1950.

(*b*) The oil exported, as stated above was valued at Rs. 50,476.

STATE TRANSPORT BUSES

52. [7] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of buses purchased by the Transport Department in 1950-1951 and the average price per bus;

(*b*) how many transport buses have been condemned as unfit for use in 1950-1951.

(*c*) how many buses are put to use by the Transport department in 1950-1951; and

(*d*) how many more buses have to be purchased to satisfy the needs of the present roads taken over by the Transport Department?

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai)**

(*a*) Buses were not purchased in 50-51. Only 110 new chassis for building bus bodies have been purchased during 50-51, *i.e.*, 70 Fords and 40 Austin Diesels. The average price of a Ford Chassis is Rs. 11,129—14—0 and that of the Austin (Diesel) is Rs. 20,982—8—0.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) 95.

(*d*) 100.

PROHIBITION

53. [8] **Sri. V. K. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to say what are the directions given to the subordinate officers in matter of checking passengers at the checking stations attached to the prohibition area?

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

Extract from a circular issued by the Excise Commissioner is placed on the table.

Extract from Circular No. 5750/E, dated 2nd Karkadagam 1124/17th July 1949 from the Excise Commissioner's Office, Trivandrum

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(4) The purpose of the establishment of new chowkeys and Preventive Stations is as has been pointed out above, for safeguarding Government revenue. The Officers and subordinates appointed to the Chowkeys and Stations must be very careful to see that their powers are exercised only to the extent necessary for safeguarding Government revenue. Vexatious searches and unnecessary detention of passengers and goods should be avoided. They should note that courteous behaviour and prompt and expeditious discharge of duties must be their motto, so as to avoid dis-satisfaction or inconvenience to the public. Complaints of corruption, harassment of passengers, discourteous behaviour and negligence of duty noticed on the part of any subordinate will be very severely dealt with.

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